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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Plans

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As the principal customer of the services rendered by the Cable Secretariat, I thought that you might be interested in scanning the attached report of its operations during 1966. At the same time, I would like to pose a question: Would you have any objections to the transfer of the Cable Secretariat as an organizational entity to the Office of Communications?

I think that the Cable Secretariat is well managed, and it demands a minimum of my time to supervise. I am considering this question, however, for these primary reasons:

a. When something goes wrong with a message, I must invariably deal with both the Office of Communications and the Cable Secretariat and sometimes with other components to determine what happened.

b. With automation of the Signal Center just around the corner, we will have chaos if the Cable Secretariat is not automated at the same time and in accordance with one well-coordinated, centrally supervised plan.

c. The workload and strength of the Cable Secretariat are different today than when it was established as part of the Office of the Director. I would prefer that an organizational unit of people not be included as part of the Office of the Director unless there are overriding reasons to the contrary.

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If this idea has merit, I anticipate that the Cable Secretariat would remain organized as at present and that it would operate in the same way. In fact, the only change I envisage is that it would report to the Director of Communications rather than the Executive Director-Comptroller.

I should appreciate your ^{views} on this proposal and would be happy to have them very informally.

/s/ L. K. White

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Colonel White:

telephoned on behalf of Mr. FitzGerald to say that DD/P has no objection to the transfer of the Cable Secretariat to the Office of Communications provided DD/P continues to receive the same service.

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